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1. In line with the Communist policy of organizing front groups, the Partido Gemunista de Colombia (PCC - Communist Party of Colombia) is attempting to revive the dormant Alianza de Intelectuales Colombianos (ANC - Union of Colombian Intellectuals).

- 2. The AIC was originally organized in August of 1947 with several PCC leaders, such as Alvaro Sanchemente, taking a prominent part. Its membership at that time also included various leftist intellectuals who were not members of the Communist Party. The AIC had as its estensible purpose the promotion of cultural relations among the Latin American countries.
- 3. In February 1943 the AIC sent a cable to the President of Chile urging that no action be taken against Pablo Neruda, the Chilean Communist leader and poet. That message was signed by Chilberto Vieira White, Jorge Requeros Peralta, Alvaro Sanclemente, Rafael Baquero H., and Manuel Zapata Olivella. Recently the AIC sent a message to the Venezuelan government requesting that Romulo Betancourt be granted permission to leave Venezuela.
- 4. Plans are being formed to hold a meeting of leftist intellectuals of Colombia in the near future to effect the reorganization of the AIC. This association will be used by the Communists as a means of communication with Communist parties in neighboring countries.

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